

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2675 - SB 3341

February 6, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a teacher from teaching a course for which an end-of-course assessment is required of students unless the teacher has taken the examination no less than 30 days after the teacher has been assigned to teach the course and passed it with a raw score of 75 or higher. Specifies that a teacher who passed the exam will not be required to retake the exam when subsequently assigned to teach the course, unless the teacher received an overall effectiveness level of “below expectations” or “significantly below expectations” on the teaching evaluation in the year preceding the course assignment. Requires the State Board of Education to provide annual exams to teachers. The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2013.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 /One-Time/FY12-13
Exceeds \$3,800/ Recurring/FY13-14
and Subsequent Years**

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Teachers assigned to teach courses requiring end-of-course assessments will take the test before the beginning of the 2013 spring semester.
- The number of teachers who will not pass the test in any fiscal year cannot be reasonably determined. To the extent that teachers assigned to these courses do not pass the test, the LEA will reassign existing staff to teach these courses. It is assumed that the number of teachers failing the test in any given fiscal year will be not significant.
- According to the Department of Education, 8,000 teachers will take the test in FY12-13. This figure includes those with high evaluation scores.
- The cost per test will be \$2.50. The one-time increase in state expenditures in FY12-13 will be \$20,000 (8,000 teachers x \$2.50 per test).
- In FY13-14, teachers assigned to such end-of-course classes who received a low teaching evaluation scores will retake the test. DOE assumes that 19 percent of teachers will receive a low teaching evaluation score and retake the test in FY13-14.
- In FY13-14, 1,520 (8,000 x 19%) teachers will retake the test. The increase in state expenditures for those teachers with low evaluations will be \$3,800 (1,520 x \$2.50 per test).

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- The Department cannot project the number of new teachers who will be assigned to teach courses requiring end-of-course tests each year.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY13-14 and subsequent fiscal years will exceed \$3,800 as new teachers are assigned to teach these courses.
- The cost per test does not include scoring or reporting. DOE assumes that the tests will be scored by existing LEA staff without a significant increase in local expenditures.
- Test scores will be kept in a teacher's personnel record without being reported to the state. Any increase in local expenditures to keep these test scores will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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